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Primary Health Centres
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the Primary Health Centres (PHC) operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a shortage of doctors, trained staff and medical equipments in these PHCs especially in rural areas;

(c) if so, the steps taken to remove these shortcomings;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals to open new PHC from the States and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): The Primary Health Centres (PHC) operating in the Country, State/ UT wise, as per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2016 is given at Annexure-I.

(b): There is some shortage of doctors, trained staff and medical equipments in PHCs in rural areas. The details of shortfall of doctors and health assistants in PHCs is given at Annexure II.

(c): Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of doctors, trained staff and medical equipments in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including procurement of equipments and insourcing or engagement of doctors and other medical personnel on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Support is also provided to States/UTs for hard area allowance to doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.

Some states have introduced mandatory rural postings for medical graduates from government institutes to improve the availability of doctors.

Further, in order to encourage doctors to work in remote and difficult areas, the Medical Council of India, with the previous approval of Central Government, has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide:

(i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service, who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

(ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas as upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.

(d): The proposals in the form of Programme Implementation Plans for 2017-18 that may include opening new PHCs are available at 'http://nrhm.gov.in/nrhm-in-state/state-program-implementation-plans-pips.html'

(e): Under the NHM, funds are allocated to the States/ UTs pool-wise and not individual activity-wise. The details regarding funds approved for construction of new PHCs and for renovation of PHCs in the year 2016-17 as per the proposals from the States are given at Annexure-III.